

IN HONOR OF LISA MANTARRO
MOORE

HON. DENNIS A. CARDOZA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 31, 2012

Mr. CARDOZA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Lisa Mantarro Moore for being honored by the Ceres Chamber of Commerce with its Citizen of the Year Lifetime Achievement Award. Lisa, also a valued member of my staff, has long been a tireless advocate for the city of Ceres, California, and its surrounding communities, and I am honored to pay tribute to her achievement today.

A lifelong resident of Ceres, Lisa's public service career began when she was elected as a student body officer at Ceres High School. After graduating from the California State University, Stanislaus, Lisa started her career with the U.S. House of Representatives as an aide to Congressman Gary Condit. For the past twenty years, she has served the constituents of California's 18th Congressional District as a Field Representative and a District Director, and currently, as my Deputy Chief of Staff. Lisa's leadership and skill have truly made a difference in the lives of those she has helped.

Lisa has long been a leader in the Ceres community. From 2001 to 2005, Lisa served the city as a councilmember as well as Vice Mayor. She has also served as an officer on the Ceres Street Faire Committee for the past ten years. In addition, she worked to form the Ceres Youth Commission, helped lead campaigns for passage of school bonds in Measures J and U as well as the Measure H half-cent sales tax for public safety. Further, she serves on the board at the Ceres Whitmore Mansion and on the Sam Vaughn and Mae Hensley Junior High School Site Councils.

In addition to her leadership in Ceres, Lisa is also a strong advocate for women. She is a longtime member of Soroptimist International of Ceres, which serves to better the lives of women and girls both locally and around the world. She was also instrumental in the development of the Stanislaus County Family Justice Center and serves on its Board of Directors.

It is my great privilege to honor Lisa Mantarro Moore on being recognized as the Ceres Chamber of Commerce's Citizen of the Year Lifetime Achievement Award recipient. She is certainly most deserving of this high acknowledgement. Her dedication to the city of Ceres and her passion for public service has truly made a difference in bettering her community. It is a true pleasure to have her on my staff and as my personal friend. Please join me in recognizing her work and her lifelong achievements.

HONORING THE DISTINGUISHED
SERVICE OF GENERAL PETER
CHIARELLI

HON. JAY INSLEE

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 31, 2012

Mr. INSLEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor General Peter W. Chiarelli, who is retiring

today as Vice Chief of Staff of the U.S. Army, a position he has held with distinction since 2008. General Chiarelli's retirement is hard-earned and well-deserved, coming after 40 years of brave service to his country. He enlisted in 1972 as a 2nd lieutenant of armor, served two combat tours in Iraq, and eventually became the second-highest-ranking general at the Pentagon. We are indebted to the service of General Chiarelli, and I am proud to say that he is a native Washingtonian.

General Chiarelli was born in Seattle, Washington and graduated with a bachelor's degree in political science from Seattle University, where he was a Distinguished Military Graduate of Seattle University's Army ROTC program. He received his masters from the University of Washington, and also led several different units at Fort Lewis, in Washington state. In addition to his service at Fort Lewis, General Chiarelli served as commander of the First Calvary Division at Fort Hood, Texas, as Director of Operations, Readiness and Mobilization at U.S. Army Headquarters, and led the Multi-National Corps in Iraq.

Beyond simply acknowledging his service and expressing the gratitude of myself and my constituents, I would also like to acknowledge the General's longstanding advocacy on behalf of behavioral health issues in the Army. At a time when many of our young men and women are returning from service abroad suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder, traumatic brain injury, and other issues related to their service, General Chiarelli has called attention to the obligation we have to provide these heroes with the care they need and deserve.

General Chiarelli, even in your retirement, myself, my colleagues, and my constituents remain inspired by your unwavering commitment to this nation, which will long serve as a shining example of the spirit of service and sacrifice that future generations will aspire to equal.

IN MEMORY OF LYMAN L.
HUBBARD, SR.

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 31, 2012

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of an American hero from Springfield, Illinois.

Lyman L. Hubbard, Sr. passed away on January 12, 2012 at the age of 85. One of the Tuskegee Airmen, Mr. Hubbard graduated as a command pilot from Tuskegee Army Air Base during World War II, and he dedicated his life to serving our great nation. Known as a strong leader, Mr. Hubbard flew in multiple combat tours in Southeast Asia and earned numerous U.S. and foreign military decorations. Upon retiring in 1970, Mr. Hubbard had flown nearly 7000 hours over a more than 20 year career in the Air Force.

Mr. Hubbard was also dedicated to the history of his community and his nation, as shown in 2005, when he saved from potential destruction one of the first African-American orphanages in the nation, the Lincoln Colored Home in Springfield.

I want to extend my condolences, and those of my colleagues in this House, to the family

and friends of Lyman Hubbard, Sr., a patriot and true hero who will be missed by all who knew him.

IN HONOR OF CONGRESSMAN
GLENN THOMPSON IN RECOGNITION
OF HIS DISTINGUISHED
EAGLE SCOUT AWARD

HON. PETE SESSIONS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 31, 2012

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, last night, Congressman GLENN "GT" THOMPSON was honored by the Boy Scouts of America with the Distinguished Eagle Scout Award. This award is the highest honor the Boy Scouts bestow, and is awarded to a deserving Eagle Scout for distinguished service in his profession and to his community for a period of at least 25 years after attaining the level of Eagle Scout.

A lifelong resident of North Central Pennsylvania, Congressman THOMPSON earned his Eagle Scout in May of 1977 from Boy Scout Troop 52 in Walker Township, Pennsylvania. Since then, Congressman THOMPSON has served his community as a volunteer fireman, member of the Bald Eagle Area School District Board of Education, and in 2008 was elected to serve his constituents as their voice in the U.S. House of Representatives.

I was proud to be with GLENN last night to help those closest to him honor his achievements. GLENN embodies the virtues of public service, duty to country and moral integrity that serve as the pillars of Scouting.

Therefore, today I wish to recognize Congressman GLENN THOMPSON and thank him for his service to his community and our country.

A TRIBUTE TO RAUF RAIF
DENKTAŞ

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 31, 2012

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Rauf Raif Denктаş, the Turkish Cypriot leader who formerly served as the Vice President of the Republic of Cyprus and President of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus. Mr. Denктаş passed away on January 13, 2012.

Mr. Denктаş had a career of service to Turkish Cypriots that spanned six decades. As far back as 1958, he attended the United Nations General Assembly as a representative of Turkish Cypriots. In 1960, Cyprus won independence from Britain and an impassioned debate and conflict over the future of that island has continued to this day. Cyprus has been divided since 1974. Mr. Denктаş was elected President of the Turkish Federated State of Cyprus in 1976 and was reelected in 1981. He was subsequently elected President of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus on four separate occasions between 1985 and 2000, and served through April 25, 2005. He was also a prolific writer and photographer, and his works have been publicly displayed.

Mr. Denктаş was a colorful, effective leader and spokesman for Turkish Cypriots. Despite

the tensions that have existed on the island of Cyprus for decades, the two sides have maintained a largely peaceful existence. Let us hope that a peaceful, prosperous, long-term solution can be found for the future of Cyprus.

INTRODUCTION OF A BILL TO AMEND THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1986 TO DISALLOW A DEDUCTION FOR AMOUNTS PAID OR INCURRED BY A RESPONSIBLE PARTY RELATING TO A DISCHARGE OF OIL

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 31, 2012

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, today Exxon announced annual earnings of \$41.1 billion, a 35 percent increase from the previous year. Recently, ConocoPhillips announced \$12.4 billion profits for 2011. Chevron's earnings for the year also rose 41 percent to \$26.9 billion. These enormous figures indicate that these global corporations no longer need charity from the United States government. For this reason, I rise today to introduce a bill that has been needed at least since the Exxon Valdez spilled 750,000 barrels of oil into Prince William Sound. My bill closes a loophole that permits these big oil companies to pad their bottom lines with tax deductions for cleaning up their oil spills. While the high price of gasoline continues to burden American families, oil companies are raking in such huge profits. Why should the American taxpayer pay for what the oil companies are supposed to do anyway?

Through clever accounting, a big oil company can actually deduct from its tax liability the money it spends cleaning up after an oil spill as an "ordinary cost of doing business." These big oil companies used to pay their fair share of taxes on their massive profits. Corporate taxes used to account for 40 percent of Federal revenues, but that now has fallen to around 7 percent, with many companies paying no taxes at all. At the same time that families, as well as Federal, State and local governments, are tightening their budgets, we're letting big oil and gas companies profit from valuable tax revenue that they don't deserve.

The Joint Committee on Taxation estimates that closing this loophole in the tax code will save the American taxpayer an average \$1.3 billion per year. With massive cuts to hundreds of essential programs and organizations dedicated to ensuring access to education, affordable health care, homeownership assistance, unemployment insurance, veterans benefits, loans for small businesses, food assistance to prevent hunger, support for farmers growing essential crops, and a middle class that is struggling more than ever, that billion dollars per year would ensure that these programs are not losing tax dollars because exceedingly wealthy companies are reaping the benefits. By eliminating a loophole that lets the largest oil and gas companies benefit from their own mistakes, this bill makes the tax code fair again for hardworking Americans and will put our country on track to develop a clean, sustainable, and sensible energy policy.

These tax dollars are not lost only when there's a rare catastrophic spill like the BP

Deepwater Horizon or Exxon Valdez. In fact, oil spills happen all the time and oil companies can just write off the costs. Right now, there's a Chevron gas rig blowout burning at 1400 degrees Fahrenheit off the coast of Nigeria that Chevron has been unable to extinguish for over a week. Two people are dead and there is a sheen in the water. There were also recent blowouts at the Macondo well in the Gulf, the Montara well in the Timor Sea, as well as major accidents and spills in Bohai Bay, China and off the coast of Brazil.

I believe the tax code should reflect our country's need to end our reliance on fossil fuels by discouraging blowouts and oil spills and providing incentives for responsible and efficient energy use, and sustainable, clean energy sources.

We can no longer afford a 20th century energy policy when the rest of the world is well into the 21st century. From the Keystone pipeline debate to subsidies for oil and gas companies, our antiquated energy policy is reflected in our outdated tax code containing many provisions that have long since outgrown their usefulness. My bill will put our country on the right track.

Finally, Mr. Speaker, the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) defines an "ordinary business expense" as a cost that is both ordinary and necessary. Why are we allowing the cost of an oil spill to be treated as ordinary as purchasing a stapler or paying a phone bill? An oil spill should not be ordinary. From a fiscal standpoint, from a policy standpoint, and from a moral standpoint, even a small oil spill is an extraordinary and terrible mistake with far-reaching consequences. Oil and gas corporations should not be allowed to benefit from their own extraordinary mistakes at the expense of the American taxpayer.

I urge my colleagues to support a 21st century energy policy, and a sensible tax code by supporting this bill.

**HONORING THE SAINT FRANCIS
BORGIA HIGH SCHOOL
CHEERLEADING SQUAD**

HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 31, 2012

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Saint Francis Borgia High School cheerleading squad on its state championship.

On October 1, 2011, the squad took first place in the Class 4 division small at the Missouri Cheerleading Coaches Association's state competition. They competed against 16 other terrific teams, but with all their training and preparation, they were able to claim the number one spot. These young women and their coaches should be commended for all their hard work and dedication.

I ask that you join me in recognizing the tremendous effort of the Saint Francis Borgia High School's cheerleaders and congratulating them on a job well done.

A TRIBUTE TO FRANKIE MUSE FREEMAN, NATIONALLY-ACCLAIMED CIVIL RIGHTS ATTORNEY, PUBLIC EDUCATION ADVOCATE, SOCIAL JUSTICE CHAMPION

HON. WM. LACY CLAY

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 31, 2012

Mr. CLAY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a great American—a nationally acclaimed civil rights attorney, public education advocate and a true champion of social justice . . . my dear friend and constituent, Frankie Muse Freeman.

Frankie Freeman has been a practicing attorney in state and federal courts for more than 60 years. After graduating Hampton Institute and Howard University Law School, she began her career serving the state of Missouri and the City of St. Louis. During this time she helped the NAACP in the case of Brewton v. St. Louis Board of Education, and later represented the NAACP in the landmark case, Davis v. the St. Louis Housing Authority, which ended racial discrimination in public housing.

In 1964, President Lyndon Johnson appointed Frankie Freeman as the first female member of the U.S. Civil Rights Commission.

From 1967–1971, Frankie Muse Freeman served with distinction as the 14th National President of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. During this turbulent time period, she used her talents and skills as an attorney to enhance the Sorority's efforts to gain full civil rights for African-Americans. She spoke out often and effectively for social action and ensured that the Sorority continued to lead efforts to secure human rights for all people. She also used her tenure as National President to lead the Sorority in supporting the college education of a record breaking number of African-American students.

Last July, Ms. Freeman became the 96th recipient of the coveted Spingarn Medal, the highest honor bestowed on a citizen by the NAACP. In the official announcement issued by the NAACP Board of Directors Chairman Roslyn M. Brock, she noted, "Frankie Muse Freeman has dedicated her life's work to the civil rights movement. She broke down barriers as a member of the NAACP's brain trust during the 1950s and as the first woman to serve on the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights. Her determination to end racial discrimination in American society for more than half a century serves as an inspiration to us all."

Mr. Speaker, Frankie Freeman has been a personal mentor of mine for almost 30 years. Her inspired advocacy laid the groundwork for the Federal Voting Rights Act, ended racial discrimination in public housing, and provided dedicated oversight of the St. Louis Public Schools and the voluntary desegregation plan. She is truly a national treasure and is most deserving of congressional recognition. I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring her remarkable service to the United States, the State of Missouri and the St. Louis community.